Railway lines in West Bengal

294. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the particulars of the new rail lines in West Bengal for which clearance has been given by the railways; and

(b) what progress has so far been made in each project in physical and financial terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) New rail line projects cleared and approved for construction in West Bengal and their progress is as under:—

S.No.	New Line	Percentage of physical progress upto 12/86	Expected expenditure upto 3/87	
			Amt. in Rs. crores	%age of cost
1	Howrah-Amta-Champadanga	33	16·56	28
2	Eklakhi-Balurghat	3	3·60	5
3	Howrah-Sheakhala	..	..	..
4	Tamluk-Digha	1	1·30	2
5	Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana	Final location survey has just been completed.		

Demand for railway wagons

295. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand for new railway wagons during the year 1980-81 to 1986-87, year-wise; and

(b) what is the actual addition made to the stock of new wagons, during the same period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The total demand for new railway wagons as planned from 1980-81 to 1985-86 and the number of wagons procured during this period is shown below:

No. of wagons planned	90,000
No. of wagons procured	85,679

For 1986-87 it is proposed to procure 20,00 new wagons.

Free education upto class twelve

296. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States where education has been made free upto the class twelve;

(b) by when the constitutional directive to bring all the school going children (age group 6—11) under primary education system is likely to be completed;

(c) whether any State or States have implemented the constitutional directive; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Education upto the higher secondary stage

(class XI-XII) is free in Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Besides, education at this stage is also free for girls in Madhya Pradesh and Manipur, according to the available information as on 1st January 1985. With effect from 1985-86 (April), a new Centrally sponsored Scheme was started under which the tuition fees charged from girls in classes IX——XII in Govt.|Govt. aided|Local. Body Schools is being reimbursed to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations by this Ministry.

(b) to (d) The National Policy on Education, 1986 states that, "It shall be ensured that all children who attain the age of about 11 years (classes-I—V) by 1990 will have had five years of choosing or its equivalent through the non-formal stream. Likewise, by 1995 all children will be provided free and compulsory education upto 14 years of age." The implementation of the Constitutional directive is a continuous process undertaken by all State Governments and Union Territories. All the States and UTs have accepted this goal and are endeavouring to achieve it. However, progress to different degrees has been achieved in different States|UTs.

बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के आन्दोलनकारी छात्रों की मांग

297. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के आन्दोलनकारी छात्रों की क्या मांगे हैं ; और

(ख) उनकी मांगों को पूरा करने तथा छात्र आन्दोलन को समाप्त करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के आन्दोलनकर्त्ता छात्रों की मुख्य मांगें इस प्रकार हैं :

1. छात्र संघ का चुनाव तत्काल किया जाना चाहिए ;
2. छात्र संघ के संविधान में कोई महत्वपूर्ण परिवर्तन नहीं होना चाहिए ;
3. नयी प्रवेश नीति को समाप्त किया जाना चाहिए ; और
4. कुलपति को हटाया जाना चाहिए ।

(ख) कुलपति ने घोषणा की है कि छात्र संघ का चुनाव मई 1987 में होगा । विश्वविद्यालय ने छात्र संघ के संविधान में संशोधन के संबंध में सुझाव देने के लिए एक समिति नियुक्त की है । नयी प्रवेश नीति राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति-1986 के अनुरूप है । कुलपति को हटाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Setting up of parallel communications net work in the joint sector

298. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a parallel communications network to be managed in the joint sector with a view to giving instant and trouble free service to subscribers;

(b) what is the number of cmpanies in public and private sectors which have indicated their willingness to subscribe and the amount they are prepared to charge from Government for eadh connection;

(c) what is the total number of connections to be provided under the 'network' scheme;

(d) what is the total expenditure to be incurred by Government on the system; and

(e) what is the justification of having such a system at the cost of the service available to the ordinary subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Inter Agency Working Group which